

August 29, 2002

Ref: 2969-21677

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
13,200' Zone, Reservoir A
ERATH FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: St. Mary Energy Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **ST. Mary Energy Company** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 13,200' Zone, Reservoir A, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 278 acres for the 13,200 Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 13200' RA SUA, Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the unit created herein;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 13,200' Zone, Reservoir A in the Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between

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the measured depths of 12,950 feet and 13,252 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Getty Oil Company-C. Richard No. 2 Well, located in Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 4 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on August 29, 2002. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The rights of the parties were reserved.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. David Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were presented at the conference. The applicant has made a minor change in the fault plane thereby decreasing the acreage from 278 to 274. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.


Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the 13,200' RA SUA, Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. David Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, La 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

